



Happy 2024-

I hope that your new year has been off to a great start. And regarding those New Year Resolutions, I hope one of them was to get out more, take a little chance, meet new people, go somewhere you've never been, spend time with love ones-- because if so, we've got you covered. We decided that this is the year that we are going to go back to our roots and offer a few long weekend trips-- so you don't have to take too much time off work or break your piggy bank-- but they still will have the special Steppin Out flair- active, a little off the beaten track and tons of fun. These stateside trips will include:

- Checking out the **Bourbon trail in Kentucky**. We'll be tasting our way around, but of course we will include some beautiful bike trails, hikes, picnics, making your own Bourbon blend and maybe a trip to Churchill Downs.
- Seeing **Niagara falls** like a local. We will stay in Buffalo and visit the falls and of course add in some of the touristy stuff, but we'll also see the area with locals to get the best eating spots (wings), music and art.
- Discovering some of **Utah's National Parks**. Staying in St. George, we'll hit well known spots like Zion, but less well known like Snow Canyon Park and Coral Pink Sand Dunes state Park- we'll hike, bike, kayak and even sand board our way around.
- Relaxing at the shores of **Green Lake Wisconsin**, a great weekend getaway. We will probably have two trips, one geared for families and one for adults only. Either way, Green Lakes has bike trails, water sports and great venues to do some fun activities.

Any of these have any interest. Continue to check the website as we update or send us an [email](#) of your interest and we will be sure to let you know the updates

Oh, and that comment about spending time with loved ones, we are always here to make some trip or activity special for just you and your friends/family.

## SO FAR: Here's What's up for 2024

**Feb.** Custom trip to Cuba

**Mar** Ski Trip to Jackson Hole- One spot left

**May:** Kentucky Bourbon Trail (May 23)

**June** Belize Reefs & Rain forest

**July** Non Touristy Niagara Falls (July 25)

**Aug** Green Lake, WI Getaway

## ISRAEL AT WAR: What Can You Do?

I am leaving for Israel this Sunday to volunteer-- help with the farms that no longer have workers and whatever else I can do to be helpful. I am in contact with someone facilitating the needs of army units and I'm bringing suitcases of gear. Thank you to all who

**Sept** Utah National Parks

**Oct** Magic of Morocco

**Nov** Bhutan (+Pre-trip to Kathmandu)

contributed- We're keeping the soldiers warm. They weren't anticipating being up North in the cold.

If anyone else wants to contribute, you can [Zelle](#) or [Venmo](#) me.

## #RIDETOBRINGTHEMHOME NOW

**100 days after 7th October, join tens of thousands of people around the globe who'll be riding their bikes to highlight the ongoing plight of the Gaza hostages.**

"Ride to Bring Them Home Now" is an international cycling event dedicated to raising awareness for the 129 individuals currently held hostage by Hamas. This initiative, organized by the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, in collaboration with the professional cycling team Israel Premier Tech, the Israeli Foreign Ministry, and the Israeli Cycling Federation, aims to mark the hostages' 100th day in captivity. Tens of thousands are expected to take part in individual solidarity rides and many others in the special cycling events held simultaneously at the Velodrome in Tel Aviv and several major capitals across the globe. In addition to cycling events planned for Barcelona, Paris, London, Melbourne, Los Angeles (Santa Monica and Thousand Oaks), DC, Atlanta, St Louis, Guatemala City, Hong Kong, Punta del Este, and elsewhere,

**Cyclists everywhere are being encouraged to go for a ride on 14 January with yellow ribbons tied to their bikes, and to upload photos of their rides to social media with the hashtag #RideToBringThemHomeNow.**

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## **STEPPIN' OUT ADVENTURES BOOK CLUB**



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[www.steppinoutadventures.com](http://www.steppinoutadventures.com)

For those who don't know Steppin' Out, we love to create community. From it's creation 30 years ago, we saw that sharing an experience is a great way to bond, and of course, that's what we have focused on. But not everyone can get away, so we thought we'd have an armchair travel group and meet together on zoom to discuss it. Since Morocco is in our Fall calendar, I found this extremely interesting book call The Caliph's House. Check [here](#) to order it. Sign up on our website and invite people from across the state and the country. I'd love to to get different perspectives. The link is [here](#). No fee. First date planned for Feb. 19th. Books and Dates to be discussed at next meeting.

# STEPPIN' OUT SKI TRIP

## ONE ROOM LEFT

**Jackson Hole March 2-9, 2024**  
**Join the Fun**



**Details & Registration here**



# Q & A RECAP ALL ABOUT BHUTAN



This is a once in a lifetime trip and because the local festivals had a calendar change, our trip is moving approximately Nov. 6 to Nov. 20. And will include **3** festivals. Plus we will offer a 2-3 day pre trip to Kathmandu.

Final order of the itinerary is being worked on, but it will have the all the elements in the

Remember,  
we can also put a custom Bhutan trip together for you if our dates don't work.

**BONUS!!!**

You can still sign up the month of January and get a 12-month Installment plan. That's right... pay after you come back.

[More Details about Bhutan](#)



## Morocco, October 14-24

While we are putting together this trip to Morocco, I have been in contact with my guides there about adding some volunteer work to help the people, especially in the Atlas Mountains get their feet back on the ground. I Embark on an orientation walk through Marrakesh, immerse yourself in the Medina's vibrant atmosphere, and marvel at the Bahia Palace's splendor. Venture to the Atlas Mountains, where you'll learn about the unique lives of rural Berber women and even discover traditional bread-making methods. Journey to the majestic Todra Gorge and explore a fossil factory. Traverse the desert in a jeep, visiting nomad settlements and local farms to understand their distinctive ways of life. Chill out in your desert camp awaits with a breathtaking sunset over the Sahara dunes, followed by a sunrise camel ride and experience the thrill of sand surfing. Details are being worked out. A post trip will be planned for magine a visit to the Blue City and Fez, where we will have a half day lesson with a potter's family.

[Send me more Information about Morocco](#)



**Do our trips look exciting?**  
***Need to spice them up or calm them down?***

**Did you miss our Cuba trip or our East Africa Safari?  
*Crete or Peru?***

**You don't have to wait until the next time it's offered.  
*Contact us and we will see what we can do for you!***

**Currently working on family trips to Costa Rica, Argentina  
a 40th birthday party in Cuba and a couple's trip East Africa.**

**What can we do for you?**

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